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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **METHOD FOR DETECTING A LIPOPROTEIN-ACUTE PHASE PROTEIN COMPLEX AND PREDICTING AN INCREASED RISK OF SYSTEM FAILURE OR MORTALITY**, the specification of which

is attached hereto

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was filed on December 19, 2001 as United States Application No. 10/019,087.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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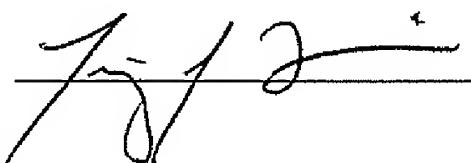
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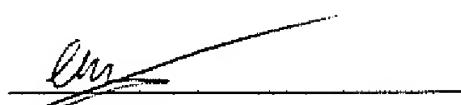
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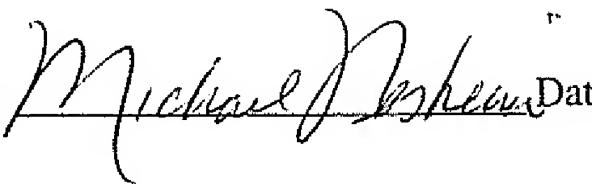
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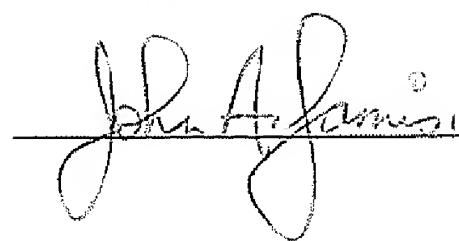
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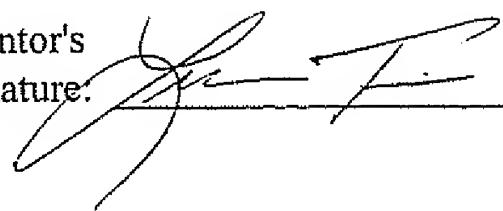
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